

Spirit of Lincoln Youth Leadership Academy

Inspiring young people with a heritage based message of integrity and courage.

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You cannot fail if you resolutely determine that you will not.
Abraham Lincoln, 1860

The spirit of Lincoln still lives.
Martin Luther King, Jr., 1944

“WE THE PEOPLE”



On February 12, 2014, **Lincoln Home National Historic Site; The Outlet;** and, the **Boys and Girls Club of Central Illinois** presented “We the People,” another “Spirit of Lincoln Youth Leadership Academy” daylong youth mentoring history program at the Boys and Girls Club, in Springfield, Illinois. The previous sessions in 2013 focused on African American slavery through the Civil War. In



2014, the focus was the time period following the Civil War through World War II, with an overview of the importance and context of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the U. S. Constitution and presentations on George Washington Carver and the Tuskegee Airmen.



This program utilized films, as well as presentations by historians, National Park Rangers from throughout the nation, and local community members to reach young people on the importance and benefit of knowing their heritage and learning how previous generations have faced challenges but still made positive impacts on society for the benefit of future generations.



Presenters included, **Robert J. Davis**, actor and historian; and, **Chiffontae Ross**, Park Ranger, **Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site**, St. Louis, Missouri. **Curtis Gregory**, Park Ranger, at **George Washington Carver National Monument**, Diamond, Missouri and **Robert Stewart**, Park Ranger, at **Tuskegee**



Airmen National Historic Site, Tuskegee, Alabama presented live interactive programs to the youth from their National Park sites. **Glenn Marshall** moderated the interactive programs.



A hands on horticulture activity, inspired by George Washington Carver, was presented by **Carrie Winkelmann**, Agriculture Literacy Coordinator, **Sangamon-Menard Agriculture Education Partnership**. And, a model airplane activity inspired by the Tuskegee Airmen was presented by **Bruce Kern**, President, and other members of the **Sangamon Valley RC Flyers**.



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